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1. [redacted] ship entered the port of Odessa with tug assistance. The tug was in bad repair. It was equipped with radio and radio-telephone apparatus, but it had no radar. 25X1
2. Five tugs were operating in Odessa harbor [redacted] 25X1
3. Little or no reconstruction activity had taken place in the harbor zone. 25X1
4. The quay [redacted] was old and in poor condition. There was a cinder path on the quay. There were no sheds on the quay where goods could be stored. 25X1
5. [redacted] 25X1
6. [redacted] dock worker [redacted] living conditions were easier under Malenkov than under Stalin. [redacted] he earned 2,000 rubles a month. Rent cost him 58 rubles a month; radio and electricity, 9 rubles a month; and the best food, between 1,200 and 1,300 rubles a month. His medical expenses were taken care of by the State. 25X1
7. [redacted] 25X1
8. [redacted] articles desired were ties, lipstick, nylon stockings, shawls, woolen socks, and all types of woolen clothing. [redacted] 25X1
9. [redacted] 25X1
8. A pair of nylons cost between 70 and 80 rubles in Odessa. Lipstick, of which there was only one type available, could be purchased for 30 to 40 rubles.

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9. The authorities did not limit the number of crew members allowed to go ashore. At the International Club, several crew members played chess with some Soviets. The behavior of the Soviet players was very polite. As they spoke only Russian, two female interpreters were present. The crew members were allowed to move freely in the city, where they were treated courteously but always with some reserve by the local population. The appearance of the city was drab and the atmosphere depressing. There were few new buildings. The people on the streets were poorly clothed. There were no taxis, and the electric trolleys were old and dilapidated. East German newspapers were observed for sale on the newsstands, but no West European newspapers were seen.

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